GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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VACCINE FOR AIDS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently started human clinical trial of an investigational vaccine to prevent the HIV and AIDS ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true and AIDS vaccine is likely to be developed in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Phase -I human clinical trial o recombinant Adeno Associated Virus (AAV) vaccine against HIV sub type -C, has been initiated on 7th Feb,2005, at National AIDS Research Instt. Pune.

(c) & (d):The Investigational AIDS vaccine has to go through three phases of human trials i.e. phase I,II and III, before we know its efficacy. This process will take 7-10 years time. In view of the above an effective AIDS vaccine is not likely to be developed in the near future.